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EDUCATION

- 2003 **Ph.D. Economics**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Dissertation: Institutional Change and Economic Development from an Evolutionary Perspective (Committee Chairperson: Professor José Mendez)
- 2000 **M.S. Economics**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 1998 **M.A. Economics**, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 1996 **B.S. Economics**, Bolivian Catholic University, La Paz, Bolivia

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2014–present **Director BB&T Center for Undergraduate Research in Public Policy and Capitalism**, Mercer University, Macon, GA
The mission of the BB&T Center is to encourage the discussion of the moral foundations of capitalism through scholarly activities involving undergraduate students.
- 2013–present **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Mercer University, Macon, GA
Undergraduate courses: Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, International Economics, The Moral Foundations of Capitalism, and Markets and the Global Economy
Graduate courses: International Economics, Economic Conditions and Financial Markets, Global Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
- 2015–2016 **Interim Chair, Department of Economics**, Mercer University, Macon, GA
- 2003–2009 **Assistant Professor of Economics**, American University of Sharjah, UAE
Undergraduate courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Development Economics, Industrial Organization, Law and Economics and Managerial Economics
Graduate courses: Law and Economics and Managerial Economics (Executive MBA)
- 2000–2003 **Instructor of Economics**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Undergraduate courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics and Intermediate Macroeconomics

VISITING ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015 **Visiting Professor of Economics**, EAFIT University, Medellin, Colombia
Undergraduate course: Introduction to Transfer Pricing

2009–2011 **Visiting Professor of Economics**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Undergraduate courses: Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, International Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomics and Game Theory

CONSULTING POSITIONS

2011–2013 **Senior Economist**, Deloitte Tax LLP, Atlanta, GA
International transfer pricing analysis, advance pricing agreements consulting and expert testimony for multinational corporations operating in a wide range of industries.

2007–2009 **International Economic Consultant**, Dubai Economic Council, Dubai, UAE
Project: Drafting of the UAE Law of Foreign Direct Investment
Modeling, measuring and forecasting the economic and welfare effects of tax incentives for multinational corporations in “knowledge-based” industries.

1999–2000 **Political Economy Consultant**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Project: Budget Analysis for Political Action Committees in Arizona
Developing econometric models to explain the correlation between expenditure patterns and lobbying with public policy variables.

ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2005–present **Associate Researcher**, Institute for Development Studies, La Paz, Bolivia
Research and policy analysis projects with focus on institutional economics, international economics and economic development.

2000–2003 **Associate Researcher**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Research projects related to the economics of small businesses in Arizona.

1996–1998 **Associate Researcher**, Latin American Institute of Development and Social Studies, Santiago, Chile
Research and policy analyses with focus on institutional change in the agricultural sector.

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Institutional Economics, Political Economy, Economic Freedom, Development Economics

PUBLICATIONS

2017 “Intellectual Property Rights, Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Freedom” (with Gustavo Canavire and Fernando Rios-Avila) Forthcoming in *Global Economy Journal*
Journal ranked Q2 by SCImago

2017 “Trade Effects of U.S. Antidumping Actions Against China.” (with Minsoo Lee and Donghyun Park). *Asian Economic Journal* 31, 1, p. 3-16.
Journal ranked Q3 by SCImago; ISI impact factor 0.308.

- 2016 “Institutions of Economic Freedom and Generalized Trust: Evidence from the Eurobarometer Surveys.” *European Societies* 18, 1.
Journal ranked Q1 by SCImago; ISI impact factor 0.75
- 2015 “Political Regime Stability and Economic Freedom.” *The Cato Journal* 35, 3, p. 581-602.
Journal ranked Q2 by SCImago
- 2014 “Productivity, Structural Change and Latin American Development” (with Carlos Machicado and Felix Rioja). *Review of Development Economics* 18, 3, p. 610-624.
Journal ranked Q1 by SCImago; ISI impact factor 0.61.
- 2008 “Institutional Change from an Evolutionary Perspective: The Mexican Experience.” *Constitutional Political Economy* 19, 2, p. 129-147.
Journal ranked Q1 by SCImago.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2016 “Pope Francis’s Economics: Good Intentions, Unfortunate Ideas”
Supported by a grant from The Koch Foundation
- 2016 “Impact of Multilateral Trade Weighted Exchange Rate Volatility on Trade: A Structural VAR Analysis on Bangladesh” (with Shahnawaz Karim and Minsoo Lee)
- 2016 “The Black Market for Antiretroviral Drugs in Georgia” (with Mercer University undergraduate student Robert Mueller).
Supported by a \$3,000 grant from Mercer University’s Quality Enhancing Program
- 2013 “Mining Investment in Bolivia from an Institutional Perspective” (with Carlos Machicado).
Supported by a grant from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung foundation.
- 2011 “On the U-Shaped Relationship Between Political Competition and the Adoption of Institutions of Economic Freedom.”
- 2008 “The Chilean Agricultural Transformation During the Second Half of the Twentieth Century: A Story of Institutional Change” (with Raimundo Soto) *Institute for Advanced Development Studies, Development Research Working Paper Series*, 8, 2008.
- 2008 “A Note on the Non-Linear Relationship Between Political Competition and Economic Freedom.” *Institute for Advanced Development Studies, Development Research Working Paper Series*, 7, 2008.

CONTRACTS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2016 Project: “The Black Market for Antiretroviral Drugs in Georgia” (with Mercer University undergraduate student Robert Mueller). Sponsor: Quality Enhancing Program, Mercer University. Amount: \$3,000.
- 2016 Project: “Pope Francis’s Economics: Good Intentions, Unfortunate Ideas.” Sponsor: The Charles Koch Foundation. Amount: \$3,600.

- 2016 Project: “The Economic Impact of Cox Communications in Middle Georgia.” Cox-Middle Georgia. Amount: \$9,000.
- 2013 Project: “Mining Investment in Bolivia from an Institutional Perspective” (with Carlos Machicado). Sponsor: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation. Amount: \$2,000.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Middle Georgia Economic Outlook Survey Mid-Year 2016 Report. Eugene Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University
- 2016 Middle Georgia Economic Outlook Survey Year-End 2015 Report. Eugene Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University
- 2015 Middle Georgia Economic Outlook Survey Mid-Year 2015 Report. Eugene Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

The Importance of Economic Freedom and Entrepreneurship

- 2016 Speaker Series, Mercer Innovation Center, Mercer University, Macon, GA
- 2016 Keynote Speaker at Delta Sigma Pi inaugural event

Opposing Views: Ideology and Party – Do They Matter?

- 2016 Panel Discussion, Political Science Department, Mercer University, Macon, GA

Pope Francis’s Economics: Good Intentions, Unfortunate Ideas

- 2016 Seventh Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, La Paz, Bolivia

Middle Georgia Economic Outlook

- 2016 Georgia Economic Outlook, University of Georgia, Macon, GA

“Can the WTO Solve the Madness? The Legalization of Marijuana in the U.S.”

- 2015 International Trade Seminar, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA

“Freedom, Markets and Environmental Policy”

- 2015 Explorations on the Subject of Freedom Seminar, Liberty Fund, Antigua, Guatemala

“The Role of Governments in the Legalization of Drugs: The Case of Producing Countries”

- 2015 Moral Foundations of Capitalism Conference, BB&T and Clemson University, SC

“Institutions and Generalized Trust: Evidence from the Eurobarometer Surveys”

- 2014 Sixth Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, Cochabamba, Bolivia

“Can Capitalism Survive in Latin America?”

2014 Moral Foundations of Capitalism Conference, BB&T and Clemson University, SC

“Institutions and Democracy in America”

2014 Explorations on the Subject of Freedom Seminar, Liberty Fund, Antigua, Guatemala

“Transfer Pricing: An Insider’s Perspective”

2013 Seminar Series Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

“The Economic Transformation of the U.A.E.”

2013 Executive MBA Seminar Series Mercer University, Atlanta, GA

“Intellectual Property Rights, Foreign Direct Investment, and the Informal Economy”

2015 Ninth Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop, Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta, GA

2015 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Annual Meeting, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

2014 International Trade Seminar, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA

2011 Seminar Series Deloitte Tax LLP, Transfer Pricing Practice, Atlanta, GA

2009 Seminar Series Ernst & Young, Transfer Pricing Practice, Atlanta, GA

2008 Seminar Series Peking University Graduate School of Business, Beijing, China

2007 International Atlantic Economic Society Conference 63rd Annual Meeting, Madrid, Spain

2007 Seminar Series American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

2006 Pan-Pacific Conference XXIII, University of Nebraska Lincoln, Busan, Korea

2005 European Economics and Finance Society 4th Annual Conference on Economic and Financial Issues in an Enlarged Europe, Coimbra, Portugal

“Political Regime Experience and Economic Freedom”

2015 Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Cancun, Mexico

2009 First Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, La Paz, Bolivia

2008 Seminar Series American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

“The Role of Agricultural Productivity in Latin American Development”

2008 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association & Latin American Econometric Society Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“On the U-Shaped Relationship Between Political Competition and the Adoption of Institutions of Economic Freedom”

2007 Seminar Series Universidad Católica Boliviana, La Paz, Bolivia

2006 Austrian Scholars Conference, Auburn, AL

“Institutional Change from an Evolutionary Perspective: The Mexican Experience”

2007 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association & Latin American Econometric Society Annual Meeting, Bogota, Colombia

2005 Seminar Series American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

2004 8th International Business Conference: Managing Business in a Volatile Environment, Guadalajara, Mexico

“Institutions and Political Replacement from an Evolutionary Perspective”

2003 Seminar Series American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

2003 Seminar Series Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

DISSERTATION ADVISOR

2014 Giulia Zilio, Ph.D. in Economics at Georgia state University

REFEREE

Journal of Trust Research, Review of Development Economics, Latin American Journal of Economics

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2014–present Faculty Advisor for 34 freshman students, Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2016 Mentor to 9 economic majors, Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2016 Member of the Grand Challenge Committee, Quality Enhancing Program, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2016–2017 Member Curriculum Committee, Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2015–2016 Interim Chair Department of Economics, Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2015–2016 Chair Recruiting Committee for Economic Positions, Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2015–2016 Member Curriculum Committee, Stetson School of Business and Economics, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2014, 2016 Teaching UNV 101 – First Year Student Experience, Mercer University, Macon, GA

2009–2011	Teaching Improvement Initiatives Committee, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
2008–2009	Coordinator University Grant Evaluation Committee, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2008–2009	Coordinator Principles of Microeconomics, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2006–2009	Chair Economics Assessment Committee, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2007–2008	Member Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2005–2006	Chair SBM Research Committee, School of Business, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2005–2006	Member Faculty Personnel Committee, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2004–2005	Member SBM Research Committee, School of Business, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2003–2005	Chair Economics Seminar Committee, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE
2003–2004	Member Curriculum and Planning Committee, Department of Economics, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, UAE

RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

2017	GPB NPR on “Trump’s One-In, Two-Out Regulatory Scheme” (http://bit.ly/2l5tcZh)
2016	CNN en Español on “The 2016 Nobel Prize in Economics” (http://cnn.it/2ee1R1Y)
2016	Middle Georgia CEO on “Mercer’s BB&T Center for Undergraduate Research in Public Policy and Capitalism” (http://bit.ly/2dwxSRy)
2016	Opinión, Machala, Ecuador on “Mercer on Mission and Economics Research in Zaruma, Ecuador”
2015	Fox 24 WGXA on the release of the Middle Georgia Economic Outlook Survey Mid-Year 2015 (http://bit.ly/2doFOZ3)
2015	Red Rana on “Environment and Capitalism” (http://bit.ly/2cySO8w)
2015	NewMedia at Universidad Francisco Marroquín on “Socialism of the 21 st Century: Challenges for Latin America” (http://bit.ly/2dgZKYz)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2002	John W. Teets Outstanding Teaching Award, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
2000	John W. Teets Outstanding Teaching Award, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
1998–2002	Academic Scholarship, Arizona State University, AZ
1996–1998	Inter-American Development Bank Academic Scholarship, ILADES/Georgetown University, Santiago, Chile

REFERENCES

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Professor Felix Rioja, Georgia State University, fkrioja@gsu.edu, (404) 413-0164